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**REQUEST FOR
CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE)
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Subsection (b) of 35 U.S.C. § 132, effective on May 29, 2000 provides for continued examination of a utility or plant application filed on or after June 8, 1995.

See The American Inventors Protection Act of 1999 (AIPA)

Application Number: 09/486,558

Filing Date: April 13, 2000

Inventors: Mireille MAUBRU et al.

Group Art Unit: 1751

Examiner: M. Einsmann

Attorney Docket Number: 05725.0555

Attorney Customer Number: 22,852

This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 of the above-identified application.

Note: 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 is effective on May 29, 2000. If the above-identified application was filed prior to May 29, 2000, applicant may wish to consider filing a continued prosecution application (CPA) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.53(d) instead of a RCE to be eligible for patent term adjustment provisions of the AIPA. See "Changes to Application Examination and Provisional Application Practice," Interim Rule, 65 Fed. Reg. 14865 (March 20, 2000). Off. Gaz. Pat. Office 47 (April 11, 2000), which established RCE practice.

1. Submission required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114:

- a. ☐ Previously submitted
- i. ☐ Consider the amendment(s)/reply after final under 37 C.F.R. § 1.116 previously filed on [Date] _____.
- ii. ☐ Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief of Reply Brief previously filed on [Date] _____.
- iii. ☐ Other _____
- b. ☒ Enclosed:
- i. ☒ Amendment/Reply 05/23/2003 MDAWITE1 00000052 09486558
- ii. ☐ Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s) 01 FC:1801 750.00 OP
- iii. ☐ Information Disclosure Statement
- iv. ☐ Other _____

2. Miscellaneous

- a. ☐ Suspension of action on the above-mentioned application is requested under 37 C.F.R. § 1.103(c) for a period of [number] months. (Period of suspension shall not exceed 3 months; fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(i) required.)
- b. ☐ Other _____

3. Fees

- a. ☒ The filing fee is calculated as follows:
- i. ☒ \$750.00 RCE fee required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(e)
- ii. ☐ Petition for extension of time for ([number] Months) \$[Fee]
- iii. ☒ Other : \$810 additional claim fee (31 additional claims at \$18/claim = \$558, and 3 additional independent claims at \$84/claim = \$252.)
- b. ☒ Check in the amount of \$1,560.00 is enclosed.
- c. ☒ The Commissioner is authorized to charge any deficiencies in the filing fees, or credit any overpayments to Deposit Account No. 06-0916.

Signature of Applicant, Attorney, or Agent Required

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

In response to the Board's Decision dated March 27, 2003, and in combination with the Request for Continued Examination filed herewith, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Without prejudice or disclaimer, please (i) cancel claim 25, (ii) replace claims 20, 24, 26, 27, 42, and 47 with amended claims 20, 24, 26, 27, 42, and 47, and (iii) add new claims 48-79, as follows:

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